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December 27, 2018

David J. Bradley, Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
CORPUS CHRISTI DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA §
 §
VS. § CRIMINAL NO. 2:18-CR-1228
 §
JOHN MENDEZ §

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE

Counsel for Defendant John Mendez orally moved for a continuance at the final pretrial conference on today's date. United States District Judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos referred the oral motion to the undersigned magistrate judge for disposition. The Government is unopposed to the motion. The defendant moves for a continuance because defense counsel requires additional time to review discovery, investigate, consult with the defendant and otherwise prepare.

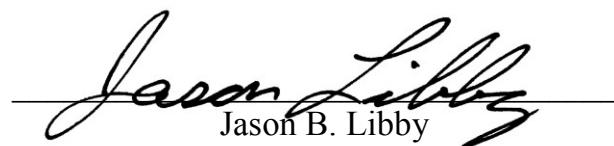
The Court has considered the Unopposed Motion for Continuance of the Pretrial Conference and Trial of the defendant and finds that this motion should be **GRANTED**.

Accordingly, the Court GRANTS the motion for continuance and further finds pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A) the ends of justice served by the granting of the continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial. Taking into account the exercise of due diligence, failure to grant the continuance would deny counsel for the defendant reasonable time necessary for effective preparation.

It is further ORDERED that this case is set for a Final Pretrial Conference before U.S. District Judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos on **January 31, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.** and Jury Selection and Trial are set before Judge Ramos on **February 11, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.**

Counsel are reminded to adhere to the Court's scheduling orders. Except as stated below, the deadline to file motions has expired. Motions not addressed below require leave of court before being filed. The parties are ordered to file motions in limine, exhibit and witness lists, and proposed jury instructions no later than **3 days before the final pretrial conference**. Any plea bargain or plea agreement entered by the parties must be made known in writing on or before **3 days before the final pretrial conference**. No plea bargain or plea agreement entered after this date will be honored by the Court without good cause shown for the delay. Any motion to continue the Final Pretrial Conference and Jury Selection and Trial must be filed no later than **7 days before the final pretrial conference**. Failure to abide by this deadline may result in the motion being denied.

ORDERED this 27th day of December 2018.



Jason B. Libby
United States Magistrate Judge